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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

New York, N.Y.

4 v.

S5 22 Cr. 673 (LAK)

5 SAMUEL BANKMAN-FRIED,

6 Defendant.

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Arraignment

8 March 30, 2023

9 11:00 a.m.

10 Before:

11 HON. LEWIS A. KAPLAN,

12 District Judge

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1 (Case called)

2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Government, are you ready?

3 MR. ROOS: Yes. Good morning, your Honor. Nicolas  
4 Roos, Daniel Kudla, Jil Simon, Danielle Sassoon, Andrew  
5 Rohrbach for the United States. We are joined by Joe Lupinacci  
6 from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

7 THE COURT: Good morning.

8 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Defendant, are you ready?

9 MR. COHEN: Yes, your Honor. Good morning. Mark  
10 Cohen, Cohen & Gresser, for the defendant, Mr. Bankman-Fried.

11 MR. EVERDELL: Good morning, your Honor. Christian  
12 Everdell, Cohen & Gresser, for the defendant.

13 THE COURT: Good morning. And Mr. Everdell, I just  
14 want you to know that the scheduling I had no flexibility on.  
15 It just had to be.

16 MR. EVERDELL: I understand, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Should I arraign the defendant?

19 THE COURT: Yes, on both outstanding ones.

20 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Mr. Cohen, have you received  
21 copies of the S3 and S5 indictments in this case?

22 MR. COHEN: Yes, we have.

23 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Have you reviewed both the S3 and  
24 S5 indictments with your client?

25 MR. COHEN: Yes, we have.

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1 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Does your client waive the public  
2 readings as to each of the S3 and S5 indictment?

3 MR. COHEN: Yes.

4 THE DEPUTY CLERK: And how does your client plead to  
5 each of them?

6 MR. COHEN: My client pleads not guilty to each of  
7 the S3 and S5 indictments.

8 Your Honor, for record purposes, we wish to note by  
9 pleading not guilty my client is not acknowledging that he can  
10 be tried on the new counts that were brought after his  
11 extradition, and that will be the subject of one of our  
12 motions to your Honor but, namely, it will be the new counts  
13 brought in S3 and S5—Count Four for commodities fraud; Six for  
14 securities fraud; Nine for conspiracy to commit bank fraud;  
15 Ten, conspiracy to operate an unlicensed money transmitting  
16 business; and Thirteen brought this week for conspiracy to  
17 violate the FCPA.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

19 Mr. Roos, I think it is you folks who wanted a  
20 conference.

21 MR. ROOS: So, your Honor, in addition to arraigning  
22 the defendant and excluding time, which I will ask for at the  
23 end, I think the other reasons we wrote to you were, number  
24 one, on the bail issues. Your Honor has now entered the bail  
25 order, perhaps mooted that point.

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1           The other thing is the discovery. Last time we had  
2 somewhat of a lengthy colloquy giving your Honor an update.  
3 That was on March 10. We have made productions. We are about  
4 to make another one. I think it may -- some things have  
5 changed since the last time. I think it may be appropriate  
6 just, if the Court is interested, to give you an update so  
7 you --

8           THE COURT: Yes, sure.

9           MR. ROOS: -- sort of know where we are.

10          THE COURT: Yes.

11          MR. ROOS: Is it okay if I go over to the lectern?

12          THE COURT: Yes, sure.

13          MR. ROOS: Thank you.

14          So like I said, when we last appeared on March 10, we  
15 had produced approximately -- I think I put it in the range of  
16 2 million pages of documents. Since then, we made another  
17 production on March 17, which was about 1.1 million pages,  
18 plus producing the defendant's Google accounts, which was  
19 about 2.5 million pages, putting the total document production  
20 around 6 million pages, plus some additional data that has not  
21 been stamped because it's the full image for a device.

22          THE COURT: Run that last part, it was the full?

23          MR. ROOS: It's the full -- it's like the entirety of  
24 a cell phone image or of a computer image, and therefore each  
25 file doesn't have a stamp. It's just like the device image

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1 has a stamp.

2 So at this point the defendant has legal process, that  
3 is, the warrants, affidavits, applications, and orders; he has  
4 the F.B.I. records relating to the execution of the warrants  
5 and the seizures; and he has the material seized from his own  
6 devices.

7 I will also just note for the record that we have  
8 received the discovery and particulars request, a letter  
9 request from the defense, which we have responded to.

10 So sort of giving that to your Honor at the outset to  
11 say I think, for purposes of motion practice, the defendant  
12 has the indictment, he has the materials for a suppression  
13 motion, he has the materials for any sort of discovery or bill  
14 of particulars motion. So I think defense counsel was going  
15 to raise a slight adjustment to the motion schedule which we  
16 are fine with, but I think the high-level point that I wanted  
17 to make to your Honor is I think, broadly speaking, we are on  
18 track to meet the motion deadline that we have in place or a  
19 slight modification of it.

20 So that brings me to what's left. Last time we  
21 talked about, I will say, three buckets—the devices, the very  
22 large Google search warrant return, and then the final two  
23 buckets were sort of the voluntary and subpoena production,  
24 some third-parties, and some other grab bag items. So I was  
25 just going to give your Honor a brief update on where we are

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1 on those things, a little bit of bad news and then some good  
2 news. I will start with the bad news.

3 So last time we told the Court that there are seven  
4 devices that are in the government's possession—two were  
5 obtained pursuant to warrant, five were obtained on  
6 consent—all subject to privilege review. As of the last  
7 conference, two of them had been produced and there were five  
8 remaining. Your Honor sort of identified them as devices A, B,  
9 C, D, and E on the record just so we could talk about them, the  
10 first three being A, B, and C which were all laptops on consent  
11 and then D and E being the two seized devices. So I am just  
12 going to use the same nomenclature today as I am giving you an  
13 update on the devices.

14 THE COURT: D and E were the consent?

15 MR. ROOS: Were the seized. A, B, and C were the  
16 consent; D and E were the seized.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MR. ROOS: So on A, B, and C -- so A and C are two  
19 laptops. They were both received on consent. They needed to  
20 go through a privilege review. That privilege review is done  
21 for one of them and is effectively done for the other, and so  
22 at this point all that needs to happen is the production of  
23 the device without those privilege -- tagged privilege  
24 materials to the defense. So I think at the last conference I  
25 told your Honor I thought we would be able to hit an end of

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1 March deadline. It may drag a teeny bit into April, but those  
2 devices are done.

3 The other consent, which we were calling laptop B,  
4 this is the bit of bad news. So this is a -- it's a really  
5 large device and, because of the size, there have been a lot  
6 of sort of technical issues with the extracting device and  
7 then also being able to do a privilege review of it. We are  
8 still trying to work through how to -- how to do the privilege  
9 review and also how to get a copy to the defense that doesn't  
10 have the privileged materials.

11 So our current plan is there is, let's say, a large  
12 portion of the device that does not hit on privilege terms,  
13 and so we are going to extract that out and put it on a  
14 separate drive for the defense, and then try to deal with the  
15 remainder. The device is so large that recently when we have  
16 tried to have a filter AUSA review the Slack messages on it,  
17 we couldn't even load them up to do the privilege review. So  
18 we are basically going to have to take -- sort of virtually  
19 take the device apart, as I understand it, and work through  
20 it.

21 So the bad news is that is not going to be done by  
22 the end of March. I think we are going to continue to try to  
23 devote a lot of resources to making this happen and hopefully  
24 we will achieve it soon. I am reluctant to give an exact date  
25 on it because this particular device has taken in some places

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1 weeks in order to even just extract off, and so I wish I could  
2 say this will be -- this leg will copy off the device in this  
3 amount of time, but I'm not that technically savvy. They  
4 won't even let me in the F.B.I. lab. So I can't make any  
5 assurances. But we are certainly hoping in the next few weeks  
6 or within the next month that will be produced. I will say it  
7 is a device on consent, so I don't think it should be  
8 particularly relevant for motion practice, and the government  
9 isn't getting like an advantage on this. We are not looking  
10 at it either.

11 The two other devices, which are the two warrant  
12 devices, so device D was the laptop. That has finished its  
13 privilege review. We had finished a responsiveness review,  
14 but then it looked like there were some items missing that  
15 basically didn't come out of the extraction, so we are in the  
16 process of going back and looking to see if there are  
17 additional materials that need to be produced off that. And  
18 the last item, E, is the cell phone which was obtained through  
19 the warrant. We just finished our review, and so we should be  
20 getting the responsive materials out in this next production.

21 THE COURT: Which will be approximately when?

22 MR. ROOS: It could be tomorrow, it could be the  
23 beginning of next week.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. ROOS: So the second big category is Google.



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1 This is, I would say, where there is, on balance, good news.  
2 When we last spoke on March 10, the Google returns were still  
3 being loaded, so there had been no privilege review at that  
4 point. At this point all of the privilege screening is done.  
5 The defendant has been produced the entirety of the full  
6 accounts that belong to him.

7 The responsiveness review has begun. There are 2.69  
8 million nonprivileged e-mails and documents. At this point we  
9 are through -- we have tagged responsive or not responsive  
10 1.53 million, so it leaves a balance of about a million, but I  
11 would say we are sort of making good headway and working  
12 through this efficiently, and the F.B.I. has devoted a  
13 tremendous amount of resources to this. So I think we are on  
14 pace to achieve the deadlines we spoke of previously.

15 The last category --

16 THE COURT: Remind me of what that was.

17 MR. ROOS: April.

18 THE COURT: Okay.

19 MR. ROOS: And the last category is the sort of  
20 subpoena returns, voluntary productions, publicly available  
21 information. So we made a fairly substantial production about  
22 a week after our last conference. At this point we have  
23 obtained 1.03 million documents, so 1,037,000 documents from  
24 third parties by subpoena or voluntary production. We have  
25 produced 927,000, so that leaves, quick math, maybe 110,000,

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1 give or take, to be produced.

2 THE COURT: Bedtime reading.

3 MR. ROOS: What's that?

4 THE COURT: Bedtime reading.

5 MR. ROOS: Bedtime reading. But in the scheme of  
6 things, less than 10 percent. So those will be pushed out in  
7 the next production or two.

8 THE COURT: All right. It doesn't sound too  
9 terrible.

10 Mr. Cohen, you are going to tell me why it is  
11 terrible.

12 MR. COHEN: Your Honor, briefly, we don't have an  
13 application today about the trial date in light of Mr. Roos's  
14 statement to the Court. We just want to note that we do have  
15 a concern about laptop B that he just described because, as we  
16 understand that, that relates to a cooperating witness who will  
17 be an important government witness at trial, and I don't think  
18 there is anything to do about it today, but if this continues  
19 we may have to come back to your Honor on that. So I would  
20 urge the government team to really devote resources to getting  
21 us laptop B.

22 And the only other thing we have from the defense  
23 today, your Honor, as Mr. Roos bookmarked, we would request  
24 that the motion schedule be shifted by one week in light of  
25 the new charges brought in the S3 and S5. Our motions are

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1 currently due May 1, and this would have them be May 8; the  
2 government's response is currently due May 22, and this would  
3 move it to May 29; and our reply is currently due June 5, and  
4 this would move it to June 12.

5 THE COURT: Okay. You've got it.

6 MR. COHEN: Thank you. That's all we have, your  
7 Honor.

8 THE COURT: Andy, we need to see whether we can set an  
9 argument or conference date.

10 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Sure, Judge.

11 (Court and deputy confer)

12 THE COURT: We will set argument or conference for  
13 June 15. Since I have a trial that day, being a Thursday, we  
14 will let the jury out early if we are still in trial, so let's  
15 say 3:30. Does that work for everybody?

16 MR. ROOS: Yes, your Honor.

17 MR. COHEN: Yes.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else?

19 MR. ROOS: Two other things. Your Honor entered the  
20 bail order. At that point --

21 THE COURT: I do appreciate all the hard work that  
22 went into it --

23 MR. ROOS: Thank you, your Honor. Well --

24 THE COURT: -- on both sides.

25 MR. ROOS: -- I think it's fairly straightforward.

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1 Your Honor signed it. But we are, of course, happy to answer  
2 any questions. I think the bail order said on it the S3  
3 indictment. I think maybe it is just -- it is appropriate to,  
4 to the extent -- to avoid any ambiguity, to confirm that the  
5 current bail order extends to the now S5 indictment.

6 THE COURT: All right. The current bail order extends  
7 to the S5 indictment.

8 MR. ROOS: Thank you, your Honor.

9 The only other thing I would do --

10 THE COURT: There's a careful fellow.

11 MR. ROOS: -- would be to make a motion to exclude  
12 time, unless there is anything else from defense counsel.

13 THE COURT: Well, it is excluded already, isn't it,  
14 until the trial date?

15 MR. ROOS: It is excluded, I think, on the original  
16 indictment.

17 MR. COHEN: We have no objection, your Honor.

18 MR. ROOS: So I would make the application to exclude  
19 time in the S5 indictment for the reasons stated on the record  
20 on January 3, which were principally so the government can  
21 produce discovery, the defense can review discovery, engage in  
22 motion practice, and prepare for trial.

23 THE COURT: Granted. Time is excluded until October 2  
24 on all the indictments.

25 MR. ROOS: Thank you, your Honor.

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1 THE COURT: Okay. If there is nothing else? Okay.  
2 Thank you.

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